Huntington, West Virginia.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 23.-Although

of the Little Mismi and Mill creek surround

the city, there is no longer any alarm here

on account of the flood, as it is confidently

The stage of the Ohio shows 54 feet of

water this morning, and at the present

rate of increase will reach 56 feet tonight.

It is believed the maximum will be reach-

ed in less than twenty-four hours, and that

it will not exceed 58 feet, or within four-

While several lives have been accidental-

ly lost up the river no person has been lost

by being caught by the flood. All who

Clearing Up at Pittsburg.

will be inspected and the occupants notified

to thoroughly cleanse and disinfect it to

prevent disease or a plague. If the order

is not obeyed within five days the occu-pants will be prosecuted. A similar inspec-

tion will be made in this city by the Pitts-

along the river fronts after an enforced shut-down of three days, and within forty-

eight hours all the plants will be again in

The rivers continue to recede here and at the headwaters. At 10:30 o'clock the stage of water in the Monongahela river was 17

River Rising at Huntington.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 23.-The

Ohio is 55.5 and rising an inch an hour.

The Guayandotte river is rising again at

headwaters. One foot more of water is

News of great suffering from the flood

comes from the interior counties. No fatal-

ities have been reported today. After almost six days' continuous rain the weather

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 23.-Kentucky

iver is about at a standstill today, and, as

rain, no danger is now apprehended here. Creeks in this section are out of their

banks and in some sections large areas

DEAD BODY OF MARTIN MYERS

FOUND IN HOTEL ROOM.

Circumstances Indicate Suicide-His

Relatives in Pennsylvania Noti-

fled of His Death.

Martin Myers, about twenty-five years

the top floor of the St. Charles Hotel, No.

951/2 Pennsylvania avenue, about noon to

concluded, from the circumstances sur-

rounding the young man's death, that he

While Myers registered as being from

Richmond, Va., papers found among his

effects show he has relatives in several

towns in Pennsylvania. A brother, C. W.

Myers, lives at 59 Abbottstown street. East

Berlin, and a sister, Miss Jennie Myers,

lives at Hanover, York county. He also

had relatives or friends at Williamsport.

New Baltimore and Lewisburg. The effects

artist or a painter, and had evidently been

were among his effects, and also a letter

A Bible found in his telescope valise and

statements made in letters from his sister

interested in Sunday school work at Han-

about 8:30 o'clock, accompanied by a col-ored porter from the Baltimore and Potomac

The man reached the hotel last night

where he had arrived on a

shortly before. He registered as "Martin

Myers, Richmond, Va.," and was shown to his room on the fourth floor. Nothing more

was seen of him until the room door was

A guest of the hotel noticed the odor of

Later a colored domestic reported to Will

lam Kaletski, the hotel proprietor, that the

door of Myers' room was locked and gas

was escaping. When the proprietor saw

the key was in the lock on the Inside he forced the door open and entered. The gas

of paper had been put in a hole in the door

hide the contents of the room from the

ither to prevent the escape of gas or to

Myers had removed his clothing and re-

tired as if he contemplated nothing un-usual. The window was closed, as was the

door, and the gas fixture was in perfect

see no reason for believing the gas had

The body of the unfortunate man was

removed to the morgue and the police tele-graphed relatives information of his death.

FRANCE AND VENEZUELA.

It is Understood That Diplomatic Re-

lations Wall Be Resumed.

It is understood that a protocol has been

signed between France and Venezuela by

which the diplomatic relations long sus-

nended between those countries is to be re-

sumed. It is expected that the Marquis J.

U. de Rojas, one of the most prominent

Venezuelan statesmen, will be the minister

to France under the readjustment. The in-

terruption of relations occurred when Ven-

number of the foreign ministers at Caraca

reflecting somewhat on the government. This statement was intended to be a confi-

dential joint note from the ministers to

Major J. B. Houston, additional paymas-

ter. United States volunteers, has been as-

signed to temporary duty at San Fran-

Captain J. K. Cree, artillery corps has

been placed in temporary charge of the

H. G. Wright, New York, under instruc-

tions from the quartermaster general.
Second Lieutenant E. W. Robinson, 23d

Infantry, has been ordered to examination

Lieutenant Colonel William Quinton has

been transferred from the 27th Infantry to

Lieutenant Colonel T. W. Jones, 48th Vol-unteer Infantry, has been relieved from duty in the department of California and

ordered to join the 18th Cavalry at Fort

Meyer, jr., and F. L. Deen, 13th Cavalry, have been relieved from duty with the 14th

Cavalry at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and ordered to join their regiment at Fort

Second Lieutenants W. H. Smith.

Meade, S. D.

through the medium of the Italian

their governments, but became public prop

was turned on, although a sign over

fixture advised to the contrary.

view of persons in the hall.

gas in the hall this morning, but paid no

Noticed the Odor of Gas.

broken open about noon today.

attention to it.

mailed. There was nothing in the letter

committed suicide.

ASPHYXIATED BY

clear weather has followed two days of

Work was resumed today at many mills

and elsewhere have been well cared for.

a stage as was expected.

teen feet of the record.

feet 2 inches

expected here.

cleared up at midnight.

BOXER ACTIVITY IN PROVINCES

French Troops Ordered to Withdraw About May 1.

GEN. CHAFFEE NOTIFIED

BERLIN, April 23.-Officials here emphatically denied the report cabled from London, that new complications have arisen in the China question, and that Washington, London and Berlin are busily conferring on the subject.

The Cologne Volks-Zeitung prints correspondence from a German missionary in China, which says that in southern Pe-Chi-Li the Boxers are preparing for another great rising, especially in the district of Kuang-Ping-Fu and Nai-Ming-Fu, where the population sympathizes with the Boxers because of the famine there. The population persistently disregards the decrees issued by the authorities.

Referring to Yu-Hsien (the former governor of Shan-Si), the correspondent says Emperor Kwang-Su was fully informed on the subject of Yu-Hsten's murders of foreigners and ordered the provincial judge at Kan-Su to decapitate Yu-Hsien, who has since fled and disappeared.

French to Leave in May.

A dispatch from Pekin yesterday says: General Voyron, the commander of the French troops in China, has informed General Chaffee that 10,000 French soldiers will leave China next May. The numerous appointments of Chinamen

with pronounced anti-foreign tendencies is causing comment at Pekin. Even the foreign ministers admit that so many appointments of this character are ill advised, while the missionaries and other civilians are alarmed for the future It is the opinion of Mr. Rockhill, the American special commissioner, that the

foreign troops may now commence leaving China with perfect safety; on the other hand, the announcement that 10,000 French troops are to leave in May causes fear among the French residents, and this fear is greater among the French native converts to Christianity, who inform the priests that they are daily threatened with what will happen to them when the foreigners leave.

The views of the foreign ministers on the

withdrawal of the troops are not shared by the great majority of the foreign resi-The ministers aver that some of these latter have business reasons and that others would have to vacate the fine buildings they are now occupying rent free when the troops go.

At a recent meeting of the council both the emperor and the empress wept frequently. The dowager empress said that each day of absence was a day when she could neither eat nor sleep in peace. The emperor said that Pekin was the home of his ancestors, and that he could not bear

Renewed Military Activity.

According to a dispatch to the London Mail from St. Petersburg, official information has been received that renewed military activity is beginning in Manchuria. Chinese troops are strongly intrenched at three points around Mukden. They are armed with good Mauser rifles and have thirty Krupp guns.

To the eastward of Mukden, near Turchausen, there are 12,000 men, under the chief Boxer general, Lutanse. To the northwest, near Kulo, there are 6,000 Chinese, under the former governor of Muk-den. To the eastward, in Mongolia, and under the Chinese general Schu Admiral Alexieff has accordingly organ-ized an expedition under Gen. Zerpinsky,

consisting of two regiments and five sot-Cossacks, sixteen guns, and a body of volunteers, to operate against the three points mentioned. The first movement was successfully carried out in the beginning of April. Kulo, which is 250 the ex-governor of Mukden was taken prisoner. In this action the Russians had thirteen men killed and four officers and eighteen men wounded. The advance toward the Turchausen position was then begun. Owing to the departure of most of the troops from Mukden, the latter city has become very unsafe. Almost night-Russian sentinels are found shot in the

The situation in southern Manchuria is disquieting, and another advance of Russian troops will be necessary in the early

BERLIN, April 22.-It is believed in German official circles that Russia will take up negotiations with China again regarding the Manchurian convention after the general China question is settled. It is also believed officially that the Chinese regular army is already retreating the expedition which is under way. and that the allied commanders are now discussing what troops they can send

DEATH OF E. S. NETTLETON. Expert on Irrigation Employed by

Department of Agriculture. DENVER, Col., April 23.-E. S. Nettleton, for the past two years connected with the Department of Agriculture in Washfreton, as an expert on matters pertaining to irrigation, is dead at the homeopathic

Nettleton overexerted himself in running the most prominent engineers in the west and active in the promotion of irrigation enterprises. He was at one time state en-gmeer of Colorado and laid out the towns of Greeley, Colorado Springs and Manitou.

hospital in this city of heart disease. He

CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION.

Meets in Baltimore. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. BALTIMORE, Md., April 23,-The thirtythird annual session of the New Jersey Congregational Association met at the Asseciate Congregational Church in Baltimore today. The association was called to order by Rev. J. Owen Jones of Bound Brook. N. J. After the roll call and organization Rev. Oliver Huckle, pastor of the church, made a short address, heartily welcoming the convention to Baltimore and his church. The association embraces the churches of the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey Pennsylvania. Several city churches will have full delegations. The general theme for discussion

The convention will continue three days. Rev. Dr. Newman, pastor of the First Church, and Rev. M. Ross Fishburn, pastor of the Mount Pleasant Church, will make addresses. The Associate Congregational Church is one of the largest churches in Baltimore, and one of the handsomes There are in attendance about thirty pastors and over a hundred delegates and visitors from other sections of the associa-

New Type Machine Company.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 23.-The National Composotype Company of Baltimore, with a capital of \$3,000,000, was chartered at Dover, Del., today. The company will manufacture and sell typesetting and type composing machines. The incorpora-tors are William A. Tottle, Charles B. Mann and William H. Matthai of Balti-

\$62,000 for Stock Exchange Seat. NEW YORK, April 23 .- The recent sale of a stock exchange membership is admitted to have been at \$62,000. The highest authenticated price paid hitherto is \$61,000.

STREET RAILWAY MEN CHARGED

WITH SWINDLING COMPANY,

Six Conductors and Two Other Employes Placed Under Arrest-An Alleged Confession.

Eight men in the employ of the Washington Traction and Electric Company were locked up last night, and this morning charged with conspiracy to defraud the company. The arrests were made by the detectives under Inspector Boardman on complaint of Gen. George H. Harries, first vice president of the railroad corporation. An investigation of the alleged wrongdoings of some of the railroad employes has been going on for several weeks. Vice President Harries has conducted the investigation, his attention having been called to a falling off of something like \$400 in the daily receipts from the several lines of the syndicate. President McDermott, it is stated, was also making an investigation.

The arrests referred to resulted from the work done by the vice president after he had been fully convinced that the company was not getting money for all the fares actually collected. The parties arrested are George W. Cadarr, engineer, and Richard Williams, fireman, who were employed at East Capitol and 15th streets in the car barn, and six conductors, named Oliver A. Gardiner, Edward Parker, George W. Blair, John J. Keating, John N. Myers and John W. Dodson. The ages of the defendants range from twenty-five to forty years Detectives Flather, Horne, Muller, Boyd and Lacy made the arrests.

As already stated, the investigation has been going on for several weeks, the fall-ing off in the receipts of the roads having been noticed shortly after the Christmas It was soon discovered that many scorched tickets were being turned in, and while they seem to have aroused no sus-picion on the part of some of the clerks Vice President Harries thought it a strange proceeding. Then, too, it developed that bunches of tickets turned in by a conductor had been canceled with different punches. When it is remembered that each is provided with but one punch this cir-cumstance added to the suspicions, and likewise gave the officials a clew.

Canceled Tickets Burned. It has been the custom of the company

to burn the canceled tickets turned in each day, and it was believed the scorched tickets turned in had been rescued from the furnace. In addition to these tickets, it is stated, a number of counterfeit tickets were turned in, and this phase of the case is also under investigation. Later developments convinced those interested just how the tickets were taken from the furnace, and the statement of Engineer Ca-darr shows that the belief of the officials was well founded. Cadarr was the first of the several employes to fail into the hands of the police. He had left the car barn and started for his home, carrying his lunch box in his hand, when he was surprised by one of the detectives approaching and informing him he was under ar Upon what charge he was placed in custody he pretended he did not know, but when the lunch box was found to contain more than one hundred scorched and canceled tickets he concluded he would tell the whole story. In addition to what he had in his lunch box the detectives found several hundred similar tickets at his home. They had not been trimmed and assorted for distribution among the conductors alleged to have taken part in the

swindle. According to Cadarr's alleged confession, the furnace fire and flues were so arranged that the tickets would not burn in a short time, and soon after the departure of the cierk who had thrown them on the hot coals he (Cadarr) took them out, saving the best of them. He took many of them home with him and it was found necessary to trim off the burned edges. After being prepared and put in packages, he is alleged to have stated, they were distributed to the conductors through one of their number who acted as distributing agent, so Cadarr These tickets it is stated were sol to the conductors at \$1 a hundred and were | ing the library. turned in by them a second time at the ate charged for them by the company.

John N. Mevers was arrested in Georgetown about 4:30 o'clock this morning, fust after he had finished his night's work. He had on him two punches, but no scorched kilometers from Mukden, was stormed and tickets. Conductor Parker was taken from his car near the East Capitol street barn, and he made his daily report at the ninth precint station instead of at the office of the railway company. A bunch of tickets taken from his pocket showed they had been canceled with different punches, and they also showed evidence of having been

> The detectives have conversed with the several defendants, but some of them admit as much as did the engineer. Most of them either enter denials or refuse to discuss the It is stated that some of the canceled tickets found their way to the Capital Traction road, and the officials of the latter company will probably take a hand Vice President Harin the investigation. ries and the detectives interested in the case resumed their investigation today, and will endeavor to locate every man on the road who was in any way concerned in the alleged conspiracy. The prisoners were officers and railway officials desired more time in which to complete the Additional arrests, it is stated, will probably be made before the cases are pre-

In Police Court.

Attorney Carrington, representing Enon motion of Prosecuting Attorney Mullowny, the bond was increased to \$3,000. Mr. Carrington said he would probably procure surety for his client later in the

TO SUCCEED FARQUHAR.

Rear Admiral Higginson Will Ass. Command May 1.

was announced at the Navy Department today that Rear Admiral F. J. Higginson will be detached as chairman of the lighthouse board April 30 and assume the duty of commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic station May 1, relieving Rear Admiral M. H. Farquhar, who is ordered to assume the duties of a member of the lighthouse board, May 2. Lieut. Commander C. McR. Winslow been detached from the branch hydrographic office, New York city, and assigned as flag lieutenant on the staff of

Rear Admiral Higginson. Retirement of Baron Fava.

The Italian ambassador, Baron Fava, will return here tomorrow, after some weeks spent in New York, during which time announcement was made of his retirement from the post here, and the appointment the circumstances say that Baron Fava forwarded his resignation to the governyoud the retiring age of the Italian diplo matic service. His former home was at Naples, but in order to take up his duties as a member of the Italian which he is a member, he will now make his home at Rome.

Retirement of Capt. Greene. Capt. J. G. Greene, who recently com-

manded the cruiser New Orleans, will be proximo, with the rank of rear admiral. naval personnel act. He is a native of setts, and entered the navy in May, 1861, serving creditably throughout the civil war, and reached his present grade

Naval Orders. Capt. H. W. Lyon has been detached from duty at the New York navy yard

and placed on waiting orders. Lieut. Commander W. S. Venson, from the Kearsarge to the branch hydrographic office, New York city, N. Y. Cadet V. A. Kimberly, from the Franklin to the Alliance.

Pharmacist H. Henry, to the Inde

at New Public Library.

Public Celebration to Await Completion of Building.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EDIFICE

The cornerstone of the new Washington public library building in Mount Vernon square, which is in course of erection with funds donated by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, will be laid tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The placing of the historic stone in position will be attended by no formal exercises, the idea being to postpone until the day of dedication, some time next spring, the formal and elaborate celebration of the establishment of such an institution in the capital of the nation. At that time Mr. Carnegie will be present, Congress will be in session, and the time is regarded as being altogether more propitious than the present.

Tomorrow afternoon the laying of the cornerstone will be witnessed by the members of the library commission, consisting of District Commissioners Macfarland. Ross and Beach, Col. Theodore Bingham, U. S. A., the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, and Mr. Theodore W. Noyes, president of the board of trus-tees. The members of the board of trustees will also be present, the personnel being stated below. Mr. Bernard R. Green, superintendent of the library building, and Mr. Weston Flint, the librarian, will also placing the cornerstone in position will be very simple. Commissioner Ross, as president of the library commission, will probbe in charge of what takes place. He will probably wield the mason's trowel.

Location of the Stone. The corner stone will rest at the northeast corner of the building, that being the masonic corner. Before it is placed in position a copper box, filled with documents and articles as listed below, will be sealed in the presence of those in attendance and placed within the recess chiseled for its reception. The box will contain:

List of members of the board of trustees. List collibrary employes.

Plan of building in pamphlet form. All publications issued and forms used in library.

Copy of invitation sent those present.

By-laws of the board of trustees. Description of building now occupied by he library. Building chronology. Reports of the board of trustees and

ibrarian, 1898, 1899, 1900. Blanks used in the library, 1901 Washington-Illustrations of the city and ildings, issued by Board of Trade, 1900. Historic medal commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the seat of government in the District of Columbia, December 12 1900. Address of Mr. H. B. F. Macfarland at

the Executive Mansion, Wednesday, De-cember 12, 1900, being the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the seat of government in the District of Columbia.

Official medal of the inauguration com-mittee, March 4, 1901. Silver and minor coins of the United States, 1901, \$1, 50 cents, 25 cents, 10 cents, cents, 1 cent. Copy of the original contract for the erec-

tion of the library building. Reports of the committee on public library of the Board of Trade, 1893-1900.

Washington Star, April 23, 1901. Washington Post, April 24, 1901. Washington Times. April 24, 1901.

Library of Modern Type.

The idea of a tax-sustained public library of the modern type for Washington, a supplement to the public schools, for the benefit of nearly 50,000 school children, a people's free university, open at night for the local workingmen, was first suggested and discussed in the local press, and in 1894 was taken up and strongly advocated by the Board of Trade. The District Commissioners, the school trustees, the workingmen's organizations, and various citizens' organizations co-operated to promote the public library movement, and act of Congress approved June 3, 1896, the library was established on the basis de

In the act establishing the library the District Commissioners were authorized on behalf of the District to accept and take to all gifts and bequests for the purpose of aiding in the maintenance or dowment of the institution. The act also provided that all persons residing in the District, either permanently or temporarily, shall be entitled to the privileges of library, including the use of the books as a lending or circulating library. It was provided that the board of trustees should consist of nine members, each of whom must be a taxpayer in the District. The act carried no appropriation, and the first maintenance provision for the library appeared in the act making appropriations of Columbia, approved June 30, 1898, which provided the salary for the librarian, \$1,600; first assistant librarian, \$900; second assistant librarian, \$720

and for rent, fuel, light, fitting up rooms and other contingent expenses, \$3,500; in

Appointment of Trustees.

The trustees were appointed by the District Commissioners and the library organization completed then remains intact today, the three trustees first named, whose terms expired in 1900, having been reappointed for six years. The organization is as follows:

Board of trustees-S. W. Woodward, B. H. Warner, J. B. Larner, A. R. Spofford, J. T. R. R. Perry, T. W. Noyes, C. J. Bell, R. H Thayer.
Officers-President, Theodore W. Noyes; vice president, Brainard H. Warner; libra-rian, secretary and treasurer, Weston Flint. Committees - Books, Spofford, Thaver

Warner; rules, Perry, Spofford, Larner; building, Warner, DuBois, Thayer; finance, Larner, Bell, Perry; bookbinding, &c., Spofford, Larner; legislation cial), Bell, Warner, Thayer; donations (special), Woodward, Warner, Bell.

When Library Was Opened. The building at 1326 New York avenue, at

present occupied by the library, was opened to the public for registration December 16, 1898. The regular issue of books began January 10, 1899. The growth in the circulation of books from the day of first issua public library was shown in the fact that ing of the library, with but a small regisof his successor. Those fully familiar with tration, 5,243 books were taken out for home reading. In the last annual report of the librarian it was shown that the average circulation per day is now a little over 400 volumes. There were at the time of that report more than 10,000 borrowers regis-

> The public library had been comfortably established in its New York avenue home when a notable event in its history oc-curred. January 12, 1899, Mr. Andrew Carnegle, the millionaire and philanthropist, in esponse to a verbal suggestion made by Mr. Brainard H. Warner, vice president of the library trustees, offered to give \$250,000 for the erection of a building for the liif Congress would provide a site and gently for the legislation by Congress upon which Mr. Carnegie's donation was condi-tioned, and March 3, 1899, a measure was enacted by which authority was conferred upon a commission to consist of the District Commissioners, the officer of public buildings and grounds and the president of the board of trustees of Washington public library, to cause the erection of the new library building in Mount Vernon Square with the funds contributed by Mr. Carnegie.

Invites Submission of Designs. In pursuance of the law the commission named therein invited competitive designs of architects for the proposed building on

(Continued on Eighth Page.)

NO HITCH OVER CHINA ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD THE . CORNERSTONE DANGER HAS PASSED CLERK GOES WRONG ADMIRAL DEWEY'S CLAIM FINANCE AND TRADE

Historic Granite Block to Be Laid Ohio River at Cincinnati Did Not Go J. H. Shepherd Arrested in Richmond, Va., for Embezzlement. High as Expected.

INFORMAL EXERCISES TOMORROW CLEANING UP AT PITTSBURG EMPLOYED IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE

High Water Still Continues at Made Out Warrants for Others and

Drew the Money.

WEATHER CLEARING UP WAS A PROMINENT CITIZEN

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star the Ohio'ls still rising and the back waters RICHMOND, Va., April 23.-Joseph H. Shepherd of Clarke county, a clerk for fifteen years in the state auditor's office, was arrested this morning for embezzlement. predicted the river will not reach as high Mr. Shepherd had charge of the accounts of certain officials of the state and kept the accounts of warrants paid to these officers and made out the checks. He made out a warrant for \$50 for a county officer, but did not mail it to him. He drew the money on it from the bank, which he was enabled to do by adding the words 'or bearer" to the check after it was signed by the auditor. Shepherd's arrest caused considerable excitement in the li-

have been driven from their homes here are located. No one seems to know the amount of his embezzlements, but it is supposed that they PITTSBURG, Pa., April 23.-The officials have been going on for some time. There of the Allegheny bureau of health comis little doubt that he has taken advantage menced a thorough inspection of the flooded of this easy method of securing money a number of times. Mr. Shepherd was very active in temperdistricts. Every house that was inundated

brary building, where all the state officers

ance affairs, and also as a Confederate Vet-eran at confederate camp meetings.

Col. Marye's Statement.

Col. Morton Marye, state auditor, gave out the following written statement after Shepherd's arrest: "A warrant was issued against Mr. Joseph H. Shepherd today, a clerk in the office of the public accounts, upon the complaint of the auditor. The offense charged is that said Shepherd. whose duty it was to make out warrants in favor of certain officers for the amounts due on account of services rendered the commonwealth and to keep the accounts of said officers with the commonwealth, fraudulently made out a warrant in favor of an officer for \$50, which was not due him, and certified under his signature that he had mailed the warrant to him, but in-stead of mailing it to the officer, said Shepherd drew the money out of the state de-pository, which he was enabled to do by adding the words "or bearer" after the name of the officer in the warrant, after it

was signed by the auditor. Much sympathy is felt for Shepherd's family. His wife and daughters live in good style in a handsome house in a fashionable part of the city. He is supposed to own considerable property. Though pos-ing as a temperance leader he is said to have been drinking heavily for some time

NEW DISBURSING CLERK.

Generally Believed That Sydney E. Smith Will Be Appointed.

The special committee investigating the accounts of Mr. Yeatman, late disbursing clerk of the War Department, continued its labors today, so far without justifying the least suspicion against the official integrity of the deceased official. It is confidently predicted that the committee will report that the accounts balance to a penny. In order that there shall be no interruption in the fiscal affairs of the War Department it is necessary that the va-cant office shall be filled with as little delay as possible, and it is probable that the Secretary of War will act in that matter old, was found asphyxiated in a room on this afterno

Although Secretary Root's personal views it is generally accepted that civil service principal assistant, will succeed to the oflifelong resident of the District. He entered as a \$1,000 clerk in the office of the chief Two years later, on account of his skill as

office of the Secretary and assigned to the served there faithfully ever since, a period the various grades to his present grade of an \$1,800 clerk. He is said to possess all the qualifications of a disbursing officer and to be entitled to promotion by reason of his long and faithful service.

PASSED AS GOVERNMENT OFFICER Calling Himself Hooten. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., April 23.-A man representing himself as C. W. Hooten, a Office Inspector Samuel T. Hooten, on Sat-A. Boyman and Frank M. Hollen on a charge of robbing the post office at Mable W. Va. The prisoners were kept in the town lockup two days. Hooten said he was after a third party, and wanted to take

His actions aroused suspicion, and when the officers yesterday demanded his author ity he decamped, and the prisoners were re leased. Hooten collected about \$20 from three or four persons and swore them in as deputy marshals, carried off Town Sergeant Knott's overcoat and left an unpaid board bill at Hotel Clause. The government authorities have been notified

P. A. ROCKEFELLER MARRIED.

Bride is Miss Isabel Stillman of New NEW YORK, April 23.-Isabel Goodrich Stillman, daughter of James Stillman, and

Percy A. Rockefeller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rockefeller, were married at St. Bartholomew's Church today. The wedding was followed by a reception at the Stillman home. The church was hand-somely decorated with flowers and ferns. and attended at the altar by Miss Ethel G. Rockefeller as maid of honor, and Mis-Edith Gray, Miss Ethel Whitney, Miss Alice Strong and Miss Daisy Greer as brides-maids. William G. Rockefeller attended his brother as best man. The Rev Dr. formed the marriage ceremony. The newly wedded couple will probably make a short American tour and later go abroad.

Wool Mill Troubles Settled. BOSTON, April 23.-F. E. Weeden, agent of the Fulton mills. New York, controlled by the American Woolen Co., who was here today, said: "The mills will start up in full next Thursday morning. Since the lock-out last Thursday a commitdtee of weavers has called upon me expressing regret for the unfortunate occurrences of last week and

NEW YORK, April 23.-The conference in regard to a readjustment of the wages of the trainmen and telegraphers of the Central railroad of New Jersey, which was behausen's office in Communipaw today.

is to the matter."

Death of Hugh McRoberts NEW YORK, April 23.-Hugh McRoberts. quarantine commissioner, for many years leader of the republican party in Staten Island, and formerly treasurer of Richmond county, died here today. He was seventy years old. His death followed a surgical operation performed last week.

Movements of Naval Vessels. The Navy Department announces that the Newark will leave the Asiatic station for home May 3 next. The Potomac has been detached from the North Atlantic

station. The Bancroft has left Hampton Roads for Boston. The Scorpion left Key

West today for New Orleans.

HEARING BEGUN TODAY IN CASE IN VOLVING PRIZE MONEY.

son Case.

Hearing was begun today before Justic

Bradley of the Supreme Court of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, sitting as a court of

admiralty, of the libel in prize, instituted

by Admiral George Dewey and other of

ficers, claiming prize money in the follow-

ing captures: The Don Juan de Austria

Isla de Cuba and Isla de Luzon; the Ma-

nila, Rapido, Callao and other property

afloat; the naval stores in the Cavite na-

The action is for the condemnation in

three Spanish vessels of war, captured as

The United States has answered admit-

ting in general the allegations of the libel,

but asking proof of the details. The an-

swer is a general denial that the property

claimed as prize, with certain exception

is properly subject to condemnation as

The issues involved in this case are both

three different classes of prize property, as

goods upon them captured affoat and taken into the United States service and ap-

praised. These include both public vessels and private—the cascos.

ward raised, the Don Juan de Austria, the Isla de Cuba and the Isla de Luzon.

Naval stores captured ashore at the navy

yard. These are subject to a division into stores actually consumed in the United States service, and stores recently returned

appraised and part were used without ap-

Alleged Questions of Fact.

The chief questions of fact involved are

uestions as to the value of these various

agreed that these questions shall be re-

ferred to an auditor for report, the court

filled in upon subsequent findings of the

As to the points of law before the court

for determination, it is conceded that the

first class of prize property, vessels cap-tured affoat, their outfits and supplies, ave

rightly the subject of prize and that a de

cree must be entered in favor of the libel-lant for these. The questions being dis-

ussed are: Are the Don Juan de Austria, the Isla de

Cuba and the Isla de Luzon prize?
Is the property captured ashere prize?

If so, is the property restored to Spain to be excluded?

Attorneys Herbert and Micou, and Charles

and Wm. B. King, counsel for Admiral Dewey and his fellow captors, insist that

half the net proceeds of the property claimed. This stand is opposed by Mr. Chas.

C. Binney, special attorney for the govern-

Admiral Sampson's Claim.

Following the argument in the Dewey

case, hearing will be had in connection with

the libel in prizes instituted by Wm. T.

Sampson, rear admiral United States navv.

in his own behalf and also in behalf of the

officers and enlisted men of the United

States naval force on the north Atlantic station who took part in the naval engage-ment off Santiago de Cuba, July 3, 1898, and

subsequent captures, against the Spanish vessel of war, Infanta Maria Theresa, and

COL. BERRET'S WILL.

tutions.

G. Berret, ex-mayor of Washington, D. C.,

his brother, Julius B. Berret, he bequeaths

\$1,000: to Nancy B. Berret, widow of his

brother Joseph H. Berret, for life, and then

to her daughter, Mary E. O'D. Ber-

ret, for life, certain property at

to Caroline Jones, \$500.

upon her and other Spanish vessels

stores and supplies captured

court should decree to the captors one

auditor.

is grounded in the battle and after-

Part of those consumed were

Vessels and their equipment and

val station and the captured cascos.

a result of the battle of Manila.

at Close. List of Captures Upon Which Libel in Prize is Based-The Samp-

BULGE IN UNION PACIFIC

Stocks Opened Strong, but Were Weak

Southwestern Group Also Showed

Its Usual Strength.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, April 23.-The market ralprize of the property mentioned, including lied during the opening hour from the low prices of yesterday and confidence increased noticeably in consequence. London's early weakness had given way to a stronger tone before the opening of our market and advances, extending to 1 per cent in Nashville, were recorded there. This improvement helped local sentiment and a strong

undertone was recorded during the noon

Just after this period and around delivery hour the market was forced off rather sharply in spite of what seemed to be a rather hopeful condition. The explanation of this sudden reaction was quite as unsatisfactory as usual, but there can be no doubt but that heavy realizing was responsible. For several days many of the leading commission uous sellers of long stocks and have ad-

vised purchases only on declines.

The selling has become effective after many days, and it is likely that enthusiases has been materially checked in some quar-

Burlington made a new high record early in the day, and reports were circulated that the full details of the deal were to be given to the press tonight or tomorrow. Later in the day advices from Boston re-ported the adjournment of the directors' classes of prize property. It has been meeting until Thursday for want of quorum.

This action was taken to indicate a delay at the present hearing to pass upon the

questions of law involved and to frame a selling followed as a result of the disap-decree, of which the amounts are to be pointment. Union Pacific was bought in round

amounts by an uptown clique, and St. Paul seemed to follow the demand. An effort is being made to connect the movements of these two properties, but in some quarters little confidence is expressed in the rela-tionship. One purchase of 20,000 shares of Union Pacific forced the price back over par and made that stock stronger than its neighbors for a time.

The adjournment of the legislature failed to force advances in the local traction and gas properties. This group was quite as weak as any during the late trading, and seemed to lack snap up to the close of the day. Consolidated Gas sold down under 230 under mixed selling, but the buying at the decline was called good.

The success of the British loan was an-

other favorable development which failed of special influence on prices. The reason for this seems to have been due to fears of gold shipments on account of the American subscriptions and a conequent hardening of the money rate. Bankers express no concern over the money market, and the fact that the subscriptions to the loan were made by institutions in-terested in maintaining prices would indi-

The shaking out of small traders which now figures in every day's market may really be a safeguard to violent liquidation, but in any event a careful discrimination in future trading cannot fall of

cate assurances that no stringency will be

occasioned thereby.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. New York Stock Market.

Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers Bequests Left to Various Local Instiand brokers, 1419 F st., members New York

denburg, Thalmann & Co., New York. American Cotton Oil.... 28 284 dated December 29, 1900, was filed today for probate. To Ruth Ann Berret, widow of Am. Steel and Wire...... American Tobacco... Baltimore & Ohio. BrooklynRapid Transit... Federal Steel...... Federal Steel, pfd . inois Central..... uisville & Nashville... Metropolitan Traction... Manhattan Elevated...... National Lead Co. New Jersey Central...... New York Central...... N.Y. Ontario & Western... orthern Pacific. Northern Pacific, pfd.... Pacific Mail..... Pennsylvania R. R. People's Gas..... Phila, & Reading, 1st Railway. outhern Railway, pfd... Texas Pacific

> Washington Stock Exchange. Sales-regular call, 12 o'clock m.—American Sec v. and Trust, 5 at 231. Union Trust and Storag

Sales regular can, 12 rity and Trust, 5 at 231. Union 7 10 at 109. Bank of Washington, 10 at 109. Bank of Washington, 10 at 109. Bank of Washington, 10 at 415. Capital Traction, 15 at 104½. National Union Fire Insurance, 102 at 29½. Columbia Fire Insurance, 108 at 11½. Columbia Title Insurance, 100 at 5. 100 at 5. Georgetown Gas, 6 at 67. Mergenthaler Linotype, 5 at 162½, 10 at 162, 5 at 162½. Lanston Monotype, 100 at 14½, 5 at 14½. Pneumatic Gun-Carriage, 100 at .05. 100 at .06. After call—Washington Gas, 25 at 57½. Mergenthaler Linotype, 10 at 162½, 10 at 162½, 10 at 162½. Lanston Monotype, 10 at 14½.

124 bid.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Capital Traction 4s. 108 bid, 109 asked. Washington Traction and Electric coll. 445s, 6736 bid, 69 asked. Metropolitan Railroad 5s, 119 bid, 121 asked. Metropolitan Railroad cert. indebt., A, 107 bid. Metropolitan Railroad cert. indebt., B, 107 bid. Columbia Railroad 6s, 120 bid, 126 asked. Columbia Railroad 2d mort. 5s, 106 bid. City and Suburban Railroad 2d mort. 5s, 106 bid. City and Suburban Railroad 5s, 92 bid. Anacostia and Potomac 5s, 92 bid. Washington Gas 6s, series B, 110 bid. U. S, Electric Light deb. imp. 6s, 105 bid. 108 asked. U. S. Electric Light cert. indebt., 6s, 103 bid, 108 asked. Chesapeske and Potomac Telephone 5s, 106 bid, 1064; asked. American Security and Trust 4s, 100 bid. Washington can Security and Trust 4s, 100 bid. Washington.

beposit and Trust Companies.—National Safe and Trust, 145 bld. Washington Loan and x1724, bld. 176 asked. American Security 1st, 230 bld. 232 asked. Washington Safe

bid. Traders', 135 bid. Lincoin, 120 bid, asked.
Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction, 104%, 104%, asked. City and Suburban, 25 bid, 35 as Insurance Stocks.—Firemen's, 30 bid. Frant 45 bid, 50 asked. Metropolitan, 77 bid, 54 as Corcoran, 65 bid. Potomac, 70 bid, 75 asked. Iington, 29% bid, 30 asked. German-American, bid. National Union, 9 bid, 9% asked. Column 11% bid. Riggs, 7% bid, 8% asked. People's bid, 6% asked. Commercial, 4 bid. Colonial, 1 bid. 125 asked.

northwest corner of Baltimore to his nephew James G. Berret, ir., and his wife, Emma, for life, certain lands and tenements in Freedom District. Carroll George, \$1,000; to his sister-in-law, Nancy ret. \$500; to his niece. Annie G. Berret. Con. Tobacco.

500; to St. Vincent's Female Orphan Asy um, \$500; to St. Ann's Infant Asylum, \$100; to the House of the Good Shepherd, \$100: to the Home for the Aged of the Little Sisters of the Poor, \$100; to the Home for Colored People, \$100; to the Children's Hos-The remainder of the estate is left share

nion Pacific, pfd....

S. Leather

Wabash, pfd.

U. S. Leather, pfd. U. S. Rubber.....

Western Union Tel.

Amalgamated Copper....

Erie, 1st. pfd.....

and share alike, to Joseph W. Berret, Jas. G Rerret ir Annie De Comes Violette Eugenia Bordley Berret, Eleanor Winder Berret, Ruth Gertrude Berret, James B. George, Bertha George and Mary E. O'D. Berret. George are named executors.

Personal Mention. Mr. John H. Olcott, who was so seriously

ill that his life was at one time almost despaired of, was out yesterday for the first time, and was congratulated by his many friends on his recovery.

Mr. Marlor's Appointment. George W. Marlor has been appointed deputy assistant subtreasurer at the New

York subtreasury in place of M. L. Muhle-Government Receipts. Government receipts from internal rev-

enue today were \$533,764; customs, \$965,417; miscellaneous, \$30,728. Expenditures, \$1, "Now," said he, "do you really think the theater an educational institution?" "I know it is," said she. "Some of the love-

liest fashions ever seen originated on the

stage."-Indianapolis Press. Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets. CHICAGO, April 23.-Grain 10w. Close. 71% 71%4 71%-76 71% 46 46% 41%-14 44% 25% 25%-7 25% 25%-7 July....
Corn-May....
July...
Oats-May...

NEW YORK, April 23.-Cotton.

wheat dull; spot and the month, 78%, 18%, 18%, 18%, 18%, 18%, 19%, 18 asked; July, 78%, asked; steamer No. 2 red, 78%, 18%; receipta, 87,387 bushels; exports, 96,000 bushels; southern by sample, 72a, 19%; do. on grade, 77%, 18%. Corn very firm; mixed, spot, the month and May, 48%, 48%; steamer mixed, 47%, 487%; receipts, 43,136 bushels; exports, 68,571 bushels; southern white corn, 49a50; do. yellow corn, 49a50. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 33a33%; No. 2 mixed, 31a31%; receipts, 59,902 bushels; exports, 170,000 bushels. Rye firm; No. 2 mearby, 57a58; No. 2 western, 58a59; receipts, 1,113 bushels. Hay firm; No. 1 timothy \$17.50. Grain freights quiet and steady, unchanged. Butter firm; fancy imitation, 17a18; fancy creamery, 20a21; faucy ladle, 15a16; store-packed, 11a12. Eggs firm; fresh, 14. Cheese firm and unchanged; large, 11½; medium, 11½; small, 11¾. Sugar firm and unchanged; fine and coarse granulated, 5.55.

Telephone Stocks.—Chesapeake and Potomac, x73% bid, 74% asked.
Gas Stocks.—Washington Gas, x57% bid, 57% asked. Georgetown Gas, 65 bid.
Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Linotype, 162 bid, 162% asked. Lanston Monotype, 14% bid, 16% asked. American Graphophone com., 10% bid, 10% asked. American Graphophone pref., 11% bid, 12 asked. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, .05 bid, .06 asked. Washington Market, 15 bid. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, x160 bid.